Assessing monthly expenditure of farmer families in rural areas

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that monthly expenditure of Rupees 2770/-has been assessed with regard to farmers families in rural areas whereas their average income is Just Rs. 2115/- p.m.;

(b) if so, facts in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that this difference between income and expenditure is rising since last few years; and

(d) if so, the details with regard to such difference in the year 1990-91 and 2001-02 and 2005?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) According to NSS 59th round Survey on 'Situation Assessment Survey of Farmers' conducted in Jan—December, 2003, the average per capita expenditure on farmer household is Rs. 502.83. Taking the average household size as 5.5, the average monthly consumption expenditure of a farmer household is Rs. 2765.57 at national level. (Report No. 495 (59/ 33/4). The result of the same Survey gives the average monthly income from wages, farm business and non farm business per farmer household as Rs. 2115/per month at all-India Level (Report No. 497(59/33/5). However, this figure excludes income from rent, dividend, interest and remittances.

(c) and (d) According to the Planning Commission similar data on the average monthly consumption expenditure and monthly income of farmer households is not available for the years 1990-91 and 2001-2002 and 2005.

Allocation for TSC

1756. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had increased allocation for TSC under CRSP from Rs. 400 crore to Rs. 700 crore in 2005;